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Governor's STEM Advisory Council Regional STEM HUB FAQ

Where are the Hubs to be located?

There will be six Hubs named, one in each of six STEM Regions of the state as identified in this map - http://www.iowamathscience.org/sites/default/files/exec_comm/regional_networks_2-24-2012.jpg

Who is eligible to apply to be a Hub?

Any entity (a business, college, AEA, university, county extension, zoo, museum, nonprofit, K-12, etc) is eligible to compete to be a Hub, so long as a competitive application can be generated.

What characteristics make for a competitive application?

Key aspects include a strong history of work in STEM education, established regional partnerships across the STEM education spectrum, commitment to cost-share the Advocate position and support structures for the Advocate's success.

What are the overall tasks of the Regional Hubs?

They are to manage funds of the Governor's STEM Council as channeled to that region, and to generate cost-share through non-state partnerships (e.g., business, federal grants, etc). The Advocate is to unify the human and material assets of the region, including AEAs, extension and outreach county offices, community colleges, private and public universities, science centers and museums, regional workforce development partnerships, K-12 districts, libraries, nonprofits and youth agencies (e.g., Girl Scouts, 4-H), regional businesses, and local governments to grow a comprehensive STEM network for the region. For a purpose statement of Hubs see <http://www.iowamathscience.org/HUB/Addendums>

What funding assistance can be expected from the Governor's STEM Advisory Council?

Subject to the resolution of a State funding request currently before the Governor and Iowa Legislature, it is expected that 50% of the cost of the Advocate position will be covered by the Council, the other half by the Hub. The Hub is also expected to provide administrative fees, support staff, furniture, computers and network and email access, motor vehicle access or mileage, and other standard necessities to perform the duties outlined at <http://www.iowamathscience.org/stem-regional-advocate-addendum-ii>. Additionally, the Advocate and her/his advisory council will administer appropriated Council funds throughout the region, actively seeking non-state match in the form of grants and private sector investments.

When are the Hubs expected to begin operations?

July 1, 2012

Who is deciding on the Hub applications?

The Executive Committee of the Governor's STEM Advisory Council will provide recommendations to the Governor as to which applicants will be named Hubs. The Governor's Office has final decision making authority. Any member of that Executive Committee with direct or indirect interest in the outcome of such decisions will not be involved in the decision process.

Who should be the Advocate that manages the Hub?

For a position description of Hub Advocate see <http://www.iowamathscience.org/stem-regional-advocate-addendum-ii>

Who is responsible for naming the Hub Advocate?

Though final decision of the Executive Committee has not yet been made, it is to be recommended that the Regional Hub be responsible for the search/appointment process for Advocate, with final approval including the Council co-chairs and the executive director.

Is the Advocate to be a part time or full time position?

Full time, solely responsible for duties assigned by the Governor's STEM Advisory Council.

What if no one applies to be the Hub of a region of the state?

Likely the Council through the executive director will extend an invitation and encouragement to a known STEM entity in that region.

Please direct your unanswered questions to IMSEP@uni.edu.
